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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2002,
entry of the following amendments and consideration of the
following remarks respectfully is requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

C 26. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule,
comprising a portion of SEQ ID NO:1, said portion encoding at
least 3 amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.